

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A fluorescent material of terbium aluminum garnet having a formula $(\text{Tb}_{3-x-y}\text{Ce}_x\text{Re}_y)\text{Al}_{5-z}\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{12}(\text{Tb}_{3-x-y}\text{Ce}_x\text{Re}_y)\text{Al}_{5-z}\text{O}_{12}\text{Me}_z$, wherein $0 < x \leq 0.8$, $0 < y \leq 2.0$, $0 < z \leq 1.0$ and wherein Re is at least one of gadolinium (Gd), rubidium (Rb), thulium (Tm), praseodymium (Pr), samarium (Sm), europium (Eu), dysprosium (Dy), holmium (Ho), erbium (Er), ytterbium (Yb), lutetium (Lu), strontium (Sr), yttrium (Y), vanadium (V), and chromium (Cr), and wherein Me is silicon.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The fluorescent material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fluorescent material is excited by a light source having a wavelength between 430 nm and 490 nm.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a fluorescent material of terbium aluminum garnet having a formula $(\text{Tb}_{3-x-y}\text{Ce}_x\text{Re}_y)\text{Al}_{5-z}\text{O}_{12}\text{Me}_z(\text{Tb}_{3-x-y}\text{Ce}_x\text{Re}_y)\text{Al}_{5-z}\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{12}$, wherein $0 < x \leq 0.8$, $0 < y \leq 2.0$, $0 < z \leq 1.0$, and wherein Re is at least one of gadolinium (Gd), rubidium (Rb), thulium (Tm), praseodymium (Pr), samarium (Sm), europium (Eu), dysprosium (Dy), holmium (Ho), erbium (Er), ytterbium (Yb), lutetium (Lu), strontium (Sr), yttrium (Y), vanadium (V), and chromium (Cr), and wherein Me is silicon, the method being a solid reaction method comprising the steps of:

- mixing metal compounds of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and Re containing silicon;
- grinding the mixture of metal compounds of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and silicon-contained Re;
- calcinating the mixture;
- sintering the mixture after calcination; and
- grinding the mixture after sintering.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the fluorescent material is excited by a light source having a wavelength between 430 nm and 490 nm.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the metal compounds ~~includes~~ include oxides, nitrates, organic metal compounds, or metal salts of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and silicon-contained Re, or the combinations thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, further including a step of using a reduction gas to reduce an ion of ~~Re-Ce~~ Ce at 1200°C for 12 hours before the step of grinding the mixture after sintering.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claim 8~~, claim 7, wherein the reduction gas is H₂/N₂ (8%:92%).

10. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a fluorescent material of terbium aluminum garnet having a formula—~~(Tb_{3-x-y}Ce_xRe_y)Al_{5-z}O₁₂Me_z(Tb_{3-x-y}Ce_xRe_y)Al_{5-z}Si_zO₁₂~~, wherein $0 < x \leq 0.8$, $0 < y \leq 2.0$, $0 < z \leq 1.0$, and wherein Re is at least one of gadolinium (Gd), rubidium (Rb), thulium (Tm), praseodymium (Pr), samarium (Sm), europium (Eu), dysprosium (Dy), holmium (Ho), erbium (Er), ytterbium (Yb), lutetium (Lu), strontium (Sr), yttrium (Y), vanadium (V), and chromium (Cr), ~~and wherein Me is silicon~~, the method being a combustion method comprising:

mixing metal compounds of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and Re containing silicon;

dissolving the mixture of metal compounds of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and silicon-contained Re;

heating the dissolved mixture;

chelating the heated mixture;

heating the mixture after chelation;
sintering the chelated mixture after heating; and
grinding the mixture after sintering.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the fluorescent material is excited by a light source having a wavelength between 430 nm and 490 nm.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the metal compounds ~~includes~~include oxides, nitrates, organic metal compounds, or metal salts of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and silicon-contained Re, or the combinations thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, further including a step of using a reduction gas to reduce an ion of ~~Re~~Ce at 1200°C for 12 hours before the step of grinding the mixture after sintering.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the reduction gas is H₂/N₂ (8%:92%).

16. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step of chelating the heated mixture uses a chelating agent that is ~~an organic compound~~urea or ammonium organic salts that releases at least one of inflammable gas and reducible gas when decomposed by heating.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a fluorescent material of terbium aluminum garnet having a formula ~~(Tb_{3-x-y}Ce_xRe_y)Al_{5-z}O₁₂Me_z(Tb_{3-x-y}Ce_xRe_y)Al_{5-z}Si_zO₁₂~~, wherein $0 < x \leq 0.8$, $0 < y \leq 2.0$, $0 < z \leq [z]$ 1.0, and wherein Re is at least one of gadolinium (Gd), rubidium (Rb), thulium (Tm), praseodymium (Pr), samarium (Sm), europium (Eu),

dysprosium (Dy), holmium (Ho), erbium (Er), ytterbium (Yb), lutetium (Lu), strontium (Sr), yttrium (Y), vanadium (V), and chromium (Cr), ~~and wherein Me is silicon~~, the method being a synchronous precipitation method comprising:

- mixing metal compounds of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and Re containing silicon;
- dissolving the mixture of metal compounds of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and silicon-contained Re;
- basifying the dissolved mixture;
- stirring the basified mixture;
- heating the mixture after stirring;
- calcinating the mixture after heating;
- sintering the mixture after calcination; and
- grinding the mixture after sintering.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the fluorescent material is excited by a light source having a wavelength between 430 nm and 490 nm.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the metal compounds include oxides, nitrates, organic metal compounds, or metal salts of terbium, aluminum, cerium, and silicon-contained Re, or the combinations thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, further including a step of using a reduction gas to reduce an ion of ~~Re~~-Ce at 1200°C for 12 hours before the step of grinding the mixture after sintering.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the reduction gas is H₂/N₂ (8%:92%).

23. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the step of basifying the dissolved mixture uses an alkaline substance that is an alkaline compound and that is capable of reacting with a metal ion chelate to form a gel.